

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for overcoming in-grown hair comprising:

providing a cosmetic composition comprising:

5 (i) from about 0.1 to about 30% by weight of malonic acid or
a salt thereof; and
 (ii) from about 1 to about 99.9% by weight of a cosmetically
acceptable carrier;

10 applying the composition to an area of skin having in-grown hair prior
to, concurrently with or subsequent to removing hair by razor action
from the area with in-grown hair.

2. The method according to claim 1 wherein the salt is
tris(hydroxymethyl)methylammonium malonate.

3. The method according to claim 1 wherein the salt is ammonium malonate.

15 4. The method according to claim 1 wherein the salt is triethanolammonium
malonate.

5. The compound tris(hydroxymethyl)methylammonium malonate.

6. A method for overcoming in-grown hairs comprising:

providing a cosmetic composition comprising:

- (i) from about 0.1 to about 30% by weight of a tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane neutralized salt of a C₂-C₄₀ carboxylic acid; and
- (ii) from about 1 to about 99.9% by weight of a cosmetically acceptable carrier;

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applying the composition to an area of skin having in-grown hair prior to,

concurrently with or subsequent to removing hair by razor action from the area

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with in-grown hair.